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In re application of:

Norio KOMA

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CRYSTAL DISPLAY

Art Unit: 2871

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Dear Sir:

Applicant has received a Restriction Requirement dated September 24, 2003. The Restriction Requirement requires Applicant to elect one of five patentably distinct species for purposes of further prosecution, and to list all of the claims readable on such species. The five species are set forth on pages 2 and 3 of the Restriction Requirement in terms of a description of each species and the claims regarded as corresponding thereto.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant hereby elects the fifth of the five species, which is defined beginning at the bottom of page 2 of the Restriction Requirement. More specifically, such fifth species is said to relate to a device comprised of a vertically aligned liquid crystal display having pixel electrodes having a gap between adjoining pixel electrodes where the orientation controllers are situated, and which is said to correspond to claims 14-16. Paragraph 2 on page 3 of the Restriction Requirement states that claims 14-16 are also considered to be generic.

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In response to the Requirement that Applicant list claims readable on the elected species, Applicant notes that claims 14-16 are readable on the elected species.

Therefore, an action on the merits of such claims is respectfully requested.

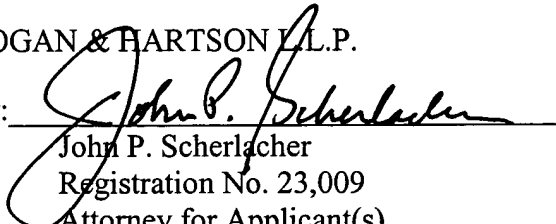
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